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It's better to plan for growth than ignore it. Metro serves 1.3 million people who live in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 24 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. Metro provides transportation and land-use planning services and oversees regional garbage disposal and recycling and waste reduction programs. Metro manages regional parks and greenspaces, owns the Oregon Zoo, and oversees the trade, spectator and arts centers managed by the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

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Metro has new tools for designing safe and healthy streets

Streets can . . . be people friendly . . . protect stream and wildlife habitat . . . provide healthy homes for street trees



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Quality of life in a community is directly affected by the design of its streets. Safe and attractive streets encourage walking, bicycling and transit use. Street design that limits stormwater runoff helps protect streams and wildlife.

Three handbooks published by Metro provide practical step-by-step methods for designing safe and healthy city streets.

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Creating Livable Streets – Street Design Guidelines \$14.95

Originally published in 1997, the updated second edition of this award-winning handbook describes how communities can reclaim major auto-oriented streets through better designs that integrate streets with nearby land uses. Street design elements such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bikeways, street trees, landscaping, street lighting, bus shelters and corner curb extensions provide a safer environment that can slow traffic and encourage walking, bicycling and transit use. (softbound)



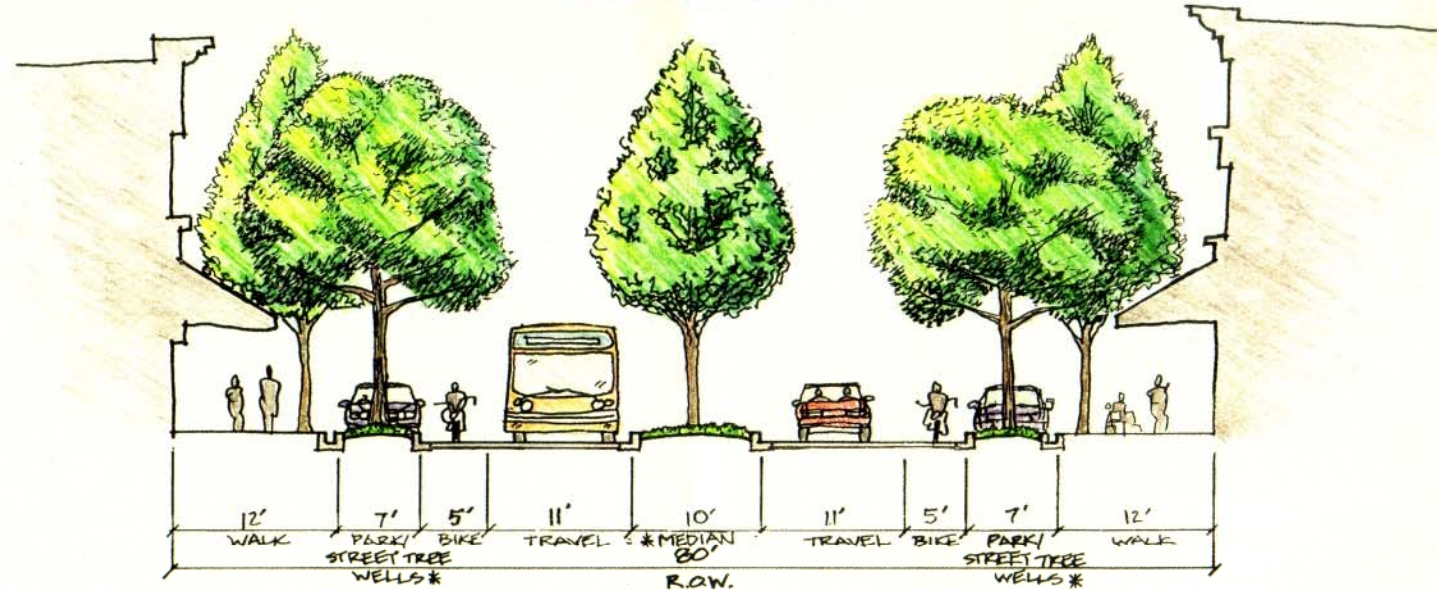
Green Streets – Innovative Solutions for Stormwater and Stream Crossings \$14.95

This is a new resource for designing environmentally sound streets that can protect streams and wildlife habitat. This handbook describes stormwater management strategies and illustrates street designs with features such as street trees, landscaped swales and special paving materials that allow infiltration and limit runoff. Green Streets provides guidance on balancing the needs of protecting stream corridors and providing street access across these streams, including case studies of how this approach has been applied elsewhere. (softbound)



“ Taking back nature one tree at a time. ”

Metro Councilor Rod Park



Trees for Green Streets – An Illustrated Guide \$9.95

This guide explains how to use street trees as a stormwater management tool. Intended to be a first step toward understanding the many functions that trees perform in urban areas, this guide provides illustrated examples of how trees can be used along streets. (softbound)

Geographic area of interest

Metro’s handbooks relate to land-use and transportation plans adopted for the Portland, Ore., metropolitan region. Concepts in the two street design handbooks could apply to almost any city in the US. The street tree guide focuses on the Portland region but the tree suggestions apply to any West Coast temperate climate from Vancouver, B.C., to parts of Northern California.

Who can use these handbooks

Anyone who is concerned about the design of urban streets would be interested in these handbooks. Citizen activists, urban planners, civil engineers, architects and landscape architects, college teachers and neighborhood organizers would find these handbooks valuable. For a preview of each book, including a table of contents and sample illustrations, visit www.metro-region.org/DRC.

How to order

Handbooks are available at Metro’s Data Resource Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232. Call (503) 797-1725. Order on our web site at www.metro-region.org/DRC or by e-mail to 2040@metro.dst.or.us. Or mail the completed order form to Metro. If you have questions, call Metro at (503) 797-1900 option 4 and leave a message on the 24-hour hotline. Single copies free to area residents.

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